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2. (Confidential - GLC) Jack Leahy, State Department Congressional Relations, called with regard to a letter received from Senator Thomas J. Dodd asking why certain programs in East Europe and the Baltic areas had been curtailed by various organizations including RFE. I suggested to Leahy that the State Department use the same type of response which was sent to Senator Keating some months ago on the same subject. This response had been coordinated between State and the Agency. I indicated that if this did not suffice Dodd's purposes, that I felt we could discuss the matter with him at a later date. Leahy agreed to this approach.

25X1 3. (Unclassified - GLC) Martin Sweig, in the office of Speaker McCormack, called concerning a request from Reverend Charles McKenna of Catholic University, that the Agency consider for summer employment [redacted] currently a student at the Georgetown University Foreign Service School. Sweig said he had contacted the Agency last year concerning this same case. He had been advised at that time that because of the convenience and economy resulting in the use of dependents of Agency employees, we were limiting summer appointments to these individuals. McKenna has approached him again with the suggestion that if [redacted] is cleared once by the Agency he would fall into this same category and could be employed in subsequent summers without additional investigation. I advised Sweig that our summer employment program was currently being reviewed to determine whether we would, in fact, have a program and who would be eligible. I agreed to have one of our Personnel recruiters contact [redacted] when these determinations have been made. (I have advised the Office of Personnel of the above.)

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4. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In response to Representative Jack Westland's (R., Wash.) letter of 1 February to Mr. McCone concerning information about the Central Intelligence Agency, I provided Mr. Buehl J. Berentson, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Westland, with a draft proposed reply for the Congressman's use in responding to a constituent, together with a 22-page unclassified mimeograph concerning the Agency. No written response to the letter will be required.

5. (Secret - JSW) Talked with William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who indicated that the joint meetings of Senate Armed Services and Defense Appropriations plan to wind up this week. He indicated, as a matter of information, that there was some discussion during the hearings of the proposal that the intelligence Chiefs of the three military services be removed from the USIB Board. This point may well come up at our next meeting with the Russell Subcommittee.

6. (Secret - JSW) Talked with Representative L. Mendel Rivers who indicated that he and Representative F. Edward Hebert would very much like to visit the area connected with a very special project. Rivers said that Hebert has developed a great deal of interest in this subject. I made no commitments on this but Mr. Rivers closed by saying that he would contact us some time in the future.

7. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Jim Kendall, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, in connection with the written request from Senator Stennis for updating on the subversive activities emanating from Cuba and directed at other Latin American countries. Kendall indicated that they are attempting to bring their Cuba inquiry up to date, hopefully issuing a final report and closing the matter out.

8. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Jim Ray in the office of Representative George Mahon indicating that Mr. Mahon had expressed concern about the adverse publicity pertaining to CIA. I asked him for the general types of complaints they are getting and Ray indicated that they mainly dealt with the Henry Taylor columns. I indicated to Ray that while I did not know if we could be of any assistance, we would look into the matter to see if there was any way we could furnish him with unclassified paragraphs which Mr. Mahon could use in responding to constituents.

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9. (Unclassified - JSW) Talked with David Martin in the office of Senator Thomas J. Dodd and reviewed about one-half of the speech which he is preparing for Dodd on CIA. I made several suggestions and provided additional material. Martin said he hoped to have this completed this weekend and looked toward release about next Wednesday.

10. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Miss Phyllis Piotrow in the office of Senator Kenneth B. Keating and provided her some additional minor information relating to Cuba arising out of our meeting several days ago.

11. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with James Gehrig in Senator Stuart Symington's office furnishing him a draft speech concerning the Agency which Symington had requested of the Director. Gehrig went through it and after a few suggestions indicated he thought it would fill the bill and he would take it in to the Senator. I indicated that we would furnish him an analysis of the McCarthy SATURDAY EVENING POST article the first of next week.

12. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Representative E. Ross Adair who indicated he was planning to introduce an amendment to the Peace Corps Act to prohibit sending volunteers to countries with which the United States does not have diplomatic relations. He indicated he has talked with Sargent Shriver several times concerning the intelligence value of the Peace Corps but despite these talks he wished to know from us the true situation. I indicated that based on policy decisions the Agency did not utilize the Peace Corps for intelligence purposes and in fact former employees of the Peace Corps were not employed by the Agency and vice versa. Mr. Adair also asked if the Agency would have a position on such an amendment from an intelligence viewpoint. I indicated that under the circumstances we could not have an official position and he seemed to understand this. He then talked on for another fifteen minutes on general matters and it is obvious that Mr. Adair is a great supporter of intelligence generally and the Agency specifically.

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Mr. Ford volunteered that he wished the members of the Appropriations Subcommittee of CIA could take to the floor in the defense of the CIA. He stated just recently when Zablocki commented on a Joint Committee for CIA that he, Ford, felt a strong urge to rise in support of the Agency. He pointed out, of course, that all of the members are under a strong injunction from Mr. Cannon not to speak about CIA publicly and he does not feel, therefore, that he is in any position to go contrary to this. He added that he and Mr. Mahon have discussed this very problem on many occasions and feel considerable concern about it.

Mr. Ford also requested that we send him the FBIS Daily so that he can keep current on foreign comment on the Warren Commission looking into the assassination of President Kennedy.

15. (Confidential - JSW) Senator Stuart Symington telephoned stating he had read the draft speech which was left up there this morning. He thanked me for bringing it by saying he thought it was an excellent presentation. He then asked my views on adding some comments concerning

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[REDACTED] With this the Senator then said,
"Well, if that's what you believe I won't include it" and asked would I
please let him know if Mr. McCone had a different view. This I promised
to do. 25X1

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